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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1971

1475 enter into Fellowship tonight

The 57th annual Clinical Congress reaches a highlight this evening at 8:30 when Fellowship will be conferred on 1475 Initiates during a colorfully impressive Convocation ceremony in the Ballroom of Convention Hall.

William P. Longmire, Jr., Los Angeles, chairman of the College's Board of Regents, will present the Initiates to President Howard Mahorner, New Orleans, who will confer Fellowship on them.

Dr. Mahorner will also confer honorary Fellowship on Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors, London; Prof. Witold Rudowski, Warsaw, Poland; Prof. Juan Allamand, Santiago, Chile; Prof. Dr. Emilo Etala, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Dr. Alberto Sabogal Sologuren, Callao, Peru.

An equally impressive moment of the evening's ceremonies will occur when the President turns over the gavel of office and the Presidential Seal to his successor. Tonight, President Mahorner will transfer these emblems to Jonathan E. Rhoads, Philadelphia. Dr. Rhoads will be presented to those in attendance by Samuel P. Harbison, Pittsburgh, the incumbent first vice president.

Lyman A. Brewer III, Los Angeles, will be installed as first vice president, succeeding Dr. Harbison; and Walter P. Work, Ann Arbor, will take over the (Continued on Page 4)



Jonathan E. Rhoads to be installed as 52nd College President tonight

A distinguished Philadelphia surgeon, Jonathan E. Rhoads, will take office tonight as the 52nd president of the American College of Surgeons. He will be inducted during convocation ceremonies at 8:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of Convention Hall, succeeding Dr. Howard Mahorner of New Orleans.

Dr. Rhoads, a 1932 graduate of John Hopkins University School of Medicine,



DR. RHOADS

is John Rhea
Barton professor
of surgery and
chairman of the
Department of
Surgery at the
School of Medicine, University
of Pennsylvania.
He is also director of the
Harrison Depart-

ment of Surgical Research there.

A Fellow since 1948, President Rhoads served three successive terms on the Board of Regents of the College, from 1961-1970, serving as Vice-Chairman, 1965-1967, and as Chairman from 1967-1969. He also served on the Board of Governors from 1954-1961. He is a member of the Committee on Surgical Services and of the Committee on Current Legislation.

Medicine is a family affair with the Rhoads'. Edward G. Rhoads, father of

A proud moment occurred Monday afternoon in the Shelburne Hotel when Dr. and Mrs. John H. Gibbon, Jr., left, seated in the audience, heard Dr. Michael E. De Bakey, right, deliver the first John H. Gibbon, Jr., lecture at this, the 57th Clinical



Congress. Dr. De Bakey, Dr. Gibbon's choice to deliver the first lecture, spoke on the "Impact of the Heart-Lung Machine and Its Potentialities." the College President, practiced medicine in Germantown, Pa., until he retired in 1925. His great-uncle. Dr. James E. Rhoads also practiced in Germantown until the last decade of his life when he became president of Bryn Mawr College. Jonathan E., Jr., and George C., the sons of the new president, are physicians, both graduates of Harvard Medical School. Her marriage to Jonathan Rhoads brought into the family Teresa Folin Rhoads, a graduate of the School of Medicine of John Hopkins University. His son George added another physician when he married Frances A. Secker, a graduate in medicine from Cambridge University, England. Their remaining children, Margaret Rhoads Kendon, Edward O. F., Charles J., and Philip G., chose other paths of life.

His long career has brought him many honors. Locally, he has served as president of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, as president of the Philadelphia College of Physicians and, in 1970, as president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

Nationally, he holds membership in more than 60 academic, professional and honorary societies, and has served as president of the Society of Clinical Surgery, the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract and was one of the founders and first president of the Society of Surgical Chairmen. He has also served as chairman of the Council of Academic Societies of the Association of American Medical Colleges, on whose Executive Council he has served for four years. In 1970 he was elected to Honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

His main scientific interests have been cancer and the nutrition of surgical patients. In 1970 he served as president of the American Cancer Society and was a member of the panel of advisors appointed by the United States

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Someday a cancer prevention menu?

One of the world's leading immunologists has been able to increase resistance to experimental breast and blood cancers ten-fold in animals with a chronic, though limited, protein restricted diet.

The work raises exciting possibilities and serious questions about the potential role of diet in the prevention of human cancer.

Dr. Robert Good, professor of pathology at the University of Minnesota, emphasized that his studies so far involve only rats and mice, and that we are a long way from a cancer prevention menu for man. Moreover, there is no indication that protein restriction is effective in treating already established cancer.

He also noted that too much protein restriction in fact made the test animals more susceptible than ever to cancer.

"But," he said, "we are entering a period where we will have to look closely at diet and its role in the genesis of cancer. There may well be a certain time in our life when restriction of protein intake, for example, may be called for. We must find out."

Good, who earned world-wide praise for his life-saving bone marrow transplants in children whose defense mechanisms are absent or defective, said his laboratories already are looking into dietary elements other than proteins — vitamins, minerals, amino acids and total calorie intake — for their possible role in cancer.

And he has approached the World Health Organization with a plan to study populations in the Mideast, Africa, India and Australia to determine what effects their constantly restricted diets may have on cancer and resistance to it.

Good said a study of aborigines initially sparked the protein deficiency question. Scientists observed that these people grew slowly because of low protein intake, but boasted excellent cellular immunity.

This immunity is the key to the lowprotein diet's success in producing resistance to cancer.

Delivering the I. S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences yesterday afternoon, Good explained that the body has two separate defense systems that enable us to survive the constant challenge of bacteria, viruses and fungus infections.

One of these systems arises from within our cells, the other arises from outside the cells. By manipulating these systems, it is possible to affect resistance and susceptibility. This is what Good did with dietary protein.

The protein deprivation diet Good uses does two things. First, it knocks out one of the two defense systems. Second, it boosts the efficiency of the other

And it does this, strangely enough, by mimicking what cancer does — it gets around a defense system.

Cancer patients for example, have cancer killed cells (lymphocytes) ready and willing to attack the foreign invader. What stops them in their tracks is something called "blocking

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William T. Fitts, Jr., left, professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, received the National Safety Council's Surgeon's Award for Distinguished Service to Safety from NSC's President Howard Pyle during the Committee on Trauma's annual dinner Monday evening. Selection of the award winner is made by representatives of the three organizations that sponsor the Joint Action Program: the College, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and the NSC.

Handler will deliver Martin lecture today

Philip Handler, Ph.D., president of the National Academy of Sciences, Wash-

ington, will deliver the Martin Memorial Lecture at 3:15 this afternoon in the Ballroom of Convention Hall.

The title of Dr. Handler's address, which does not appear in the official program,



DR. HANDLER

is "Science and Societal Expectations."

Dr. Handler was elected president of the Academy in July, 1969. Prior to then, he was James B. Duke professor of Biochemistry and chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at Duke University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1939.

Howard Mahorner, President of the College, will introduce Dr. Handler, and will preside during the event.

Nominating committees complete assignments

The announcement of the election of Regents and of officers of the Board of Governors; and the nomination of Governors and Officers of the American College of Surgeons, which will be announced during the annual meeting of Fellows this afternoon (see agenda, adjoining column), result from the work and deliberations of the following committees:

Nominating Committee of the Fellows — John M. Dorsey, Evanston, Illinois; George Rosemond, Philadelphia; Richard Egdah, Boston; W. Dean Warren, Atlanta, and John E. Connolly, Irvine, California.

Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors — Charles Macgregor, Greenfield, Massachusetts, chairman; J. Harvey Johnston, Jr., Jackson, vice chairman; Thomas R. Montgomery, Portland, Oregon; James G. Stuckey, Little Rock, and John S. Gardner, Calgary, Alberta.

Advisory Committee on Nominations for Board of Regents — Reed M. Nesbit, Chicago; Preston A. Wade, New York, and Howard A. Patterson, New York City.

Juan Acosta: International Guest Scholar

Doctor Juan M. Acosta of Santa Fe, Argentina, the 1971 American College of Surgeons International Guest Scholar, will receive from the Brewer Medical Foundation a medical fellowship of \$2000 for post-Congress graduate Study.

The Argentinean surgeon received Honorable Mention from the College's International Relations Committee in 1970. He is a graduate of the Universidad del Rosario; a full-time researcher under the aegis of the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina, and Research Fellow in surgery and pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Eduardo Regis Monte Juca was given Honorable Mention and \$500 from the Scholarship Fund of the Excelsior Surgical Society. Doctor Juca, Ceara, Brazil, received his surgical training at Rio de Janeiro and Fortaleza. He is a Research and Clinical Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The International Guest Scholar Program was formed to allow a surgeon from another country to come to the United States for training under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. He would then, after completion of his training, return to his native country.

4:45 this afternoon

Assembly of Initiates

An assembly for Initiates will be held at 4:45 this afternoon in the Ballroom on the first balcony level of Convention Hall. ACS President Howard Mahorner will preside.

Obligation of Fellowship will be explained by William P. Longmeier, Chairman of the Board of Regents and C. Rollins Hanlon, director of the College.

George W. Stephenson, ACS assistant director, will deliver instructions concerning the Convocation Procedure.

The College tie

To match your official College Blazer, Herbert Anderson of Dawson Imports, Ltd., 16 East 52nd Street, New York, N. Y. 10022, in booth 639, in Convention Hall, has designed an official College Tie. The tie, dark blue with a gold emblem, is exclusively available at Dawson's Imports.

4 p.m., Convention Hall

Annual meeting is this afternoon

The annual meeting of the Fellows will be held this afternoon, from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., in the Ballroom of Convention Hall. All Fellows of the College, and Initiates, Class of 1971 are invited —indeed urged—to attend this meeting.

The agenda follows.

Presiding:

Howard Mahorner, MD, FACS, New Orleans, President of the American College of Surgeons

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Regents

William P. Longmire, Jr., MD, FACS, Los Angeles

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors

Rudolf J. Noer, MD, FACS, Tampa

Report of the Director of the American College of Surgeons

C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, Chicago

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, 1971

The President

Presentation of Certificates: Mead Johnson Awards for Graduate Training in Surgery.

The President

Report of the chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors; Announcement of Election of Regents; and Announcement of Election of Officers of the Board of Governors

Charles A. Macgregor, MD, FACS, Greenfield, Mass.

Report of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Fellows; Nomination and Election of Officers of the American College of Surgeons

John M. Dorsey, MD, FACS, Evanston, Ill.

New Business

Adjournment



Pictured at the luncheon and meeting of past Presidents of the College, held Tuesday afternoon, are these eight distinguished leaders. Clockwise, from left: Owen H. Wagensteen, Reed N. Nesbit, Howard A. Patterson, Loyal Davis, Preston A. Wade, Frank Glenn, Alton Ochsner and Warren H. Cole.

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Registration facts

Total

 As of 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

 Doctors
 9,022

 Ladies
 2,413

 Industrial exhibitors
 2,194

 Visitors
 262

 Press and staff
 264

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What would a trip to Atlantic City be without a stroll or ride up or down the Boardwalk. Our strollers above are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Holliday, Mt. Kisco, N. Y. The gentlemen riding are Antonio Cafoncelli, Atef Salam and Samir Daief. Shown on the right are Dr. and Mrs. Scholes from Troy, Michigan.

Jonathan E. Rhoads

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Senate to study the feasibility of a vastly intensified effort to conquer cancer. The report of this panel is, to a large extent, embodied in the pending legislation passed by the Senate and awaiting consideration by the House of Representatives.

In the field of the nutrition of surgical patients he was the recipient with Stanley J. Dudrick of the AMA's annual Goldberger award for their work on intravenous hyperalimentation.

Dr. Rhoads has had a longtime interest in education, outside as well as within the medical field. He has served as a member of the Board of Managers of his alma mater, Haverford College, since 1948, and as Chairman since 1963. He is a trustee and director of Bryn Mawr College, and served as Provost of the University of Pennsylvania from 1956 to 1959. He served a four-year term on the nine-member Philadelphia School Board, 1965-1970. He holds honorary degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges, and is a member of the American Philosophical Society and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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(Continued from Page 1) office of second vice president from Stanley O. Hoerr, Cleveland.

In his first official function as 52nd President of the College, Dr. Rhoads will deliver his presidential address entitled, "National Health Policies for Improving the Care of the Surgical Patient."

Initiates' wives and families, and others interested in this event may obtain tickets at the central registration area (near the Initiate desk) in the lobby of Convention Hall.



Today's motion pictures

Two motion picture sessions will be presented today. The first in a general session which will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Room 102 of Convention Hall, and feature five films. The other in Urologic Surgery, with four films, will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Colony Hotel, on Indiana Avenue on the Boardwalk, five blocks north of Convention Hall.

Dr. Richard H. Egdahl, professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at Boston University Medical Center, spoke Tuesday before the approximately 60 members of the National Academy of Science Writers.



Today's get-togethers

A listing of meetings, reunions, receptions, et al, both formal and not-so-formal, which will take place today or early tomorrow.

Our sincere apologies (1) to the Harvard Surgical Service of Boston City Hospital, and to all members and guests who contacted us seeking information concerning the reception. Our notice had the dinner and reception scheduled in Wednesday's edition of the *CC News*, for Wednesday night. It is *tonight*, however, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Elovitz, 7803 Marshall Avenue in Margate, N. J.; and (2) to Wayne State University, whose reception is *tonight*, not last night, in Kerry Hall of the Shelburne Hotel, running from 5:30-7:30.



Change in today's television surgery

Today's television transmittal of surgical procedures being performed at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia will begin, as usual, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 103 of Convention Hall.

However, this morning's operation, which was to have been a suprapublic prostatectomy performed by Paul D. Zimskind, Philadelphia, and moderated by John D. Young, Jr., has been changed to a female urethal meatoplasty; the patient who was to have undergone the former has developed pneumonia.

A radical mastectomy at 1:45 p.m. will conclude today's telecasts. Gordon F. Schwartz, Philadelphia, director of these TV sessions, will operate and Cushman D. Haagensen, New York, will moderate.

Cancer prevention menu

(Continued from Page 2) antibody." Blocking antibody is found in high concentration in the blood of cancer patients, but never in healthy individuals.

In the case of cancer, then, the cancer cells throw up a barrier to the defense of immunolgic system and overcome it with a defense system (blocking antibody) of its own, that is stronger.

In the case of protein deprivation, the restricted diet heads off the development of that barrier (blocking antibody) and lets the body's own defense team get to work.

Messages

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